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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS - SCENARIO

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1. IN ANTICIPATION OF SUGGESTIONS FROM DEPT, HANS ANDERSEN AND I ASSUME FORMAT AT OFFICIAL NEGOTIATION SEP 26 WILL BE SOMETHING LIKE FOLLOWING ORDER:  
(A) FONMIN MAKES PRESENTATION; (B) UNDERSEC SISCO RESPONDS, ENDING BY PRESENTING DRAFT EXCHANGE OF NOTES AND DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR DISCUSSION.  
(C) THIS WILL THEN BE FOLLOWED BY DRAFTING MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD AND DISCUSSION OF HOW WE GO ABOUT IMPLEMENTING OUR AGREEMENTS. (D) FONMIN AND UNDERSEC INITIAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES AND MOU.

2. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT OF FONMIN'S OPENING STATEMENT APPROVED TODAY BY FONMIN:

BEGIN QUOTE:

THE POLICY OF THE RECENTLY FORMED GOVERNMENT IN ICELAND IS NOT TO PURSUE PREVIOUS PROPOSALS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE DEFENSE FORCE BUT RATHER TO WORK OUT THE  
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NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE

DEFENCE AGREEMENT ITSELF. PROVIDED, THEREFORE, THAT SUCH ADJUSTMENTS CAN BE WORKED OUT, ARTICLE VII WILL NOT BE INVOKED.

IN OUR PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU WE HAVE ALREADY EMBARKED UPON A REVIEW OF POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENTS. WE HAVE DISCUSSED A REDUCTION OF THE DEFENCE FORCE, THE TAKING OVER OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS BY QUALIFIED ICELANDIC NATIONALS, THE SEPARATION OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY AREAS, ADDITIONAL HOUSING ON THE BASE, COOPERATION WITH SPECIFIED ICELANDIC SERVICES AND SO ON.

MY SUGGESTION IS THAT WE SHOULD NOW CONTINUE THESE DISCUSSIONS AND IF WE CAN REACH AGREEMENT ON THE MAIN ISSUES, ARTICLE VII WOULD NO LONGER BE INVOKED. WE WOULD AGREE ON A PROCEDURE TO DEAL WITH THESE MATTERS AND WORK THEM OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR REACTION TO THESE SUGGESTIONS BEFORE WE GO FURTHER. END QUOTE.  
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